Setting up A 500 MW Gas Thermal Power Project in Tripura

409. SHRI KHAGEN DAS: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to set up a 500 MW Gas Thermal Power Project in Tripura-,

(b) if so, what is the present status of this project; and

(c) whether any budgetary provision has been made for this project in the current financial year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. A Gas Based Thermal Power Project with an installed capacity of 500 MW is proposed to be set up in Tripura by North Eastern Electric Power Corporation (NEEPCO) as a Central Sector Project. NEEPCO has since initiated steps to obtain requisite statutory clearances for implementing this Project. After the Project has been accorded techno-economic clearance by the Central Electricity Authority, the Government will consider according investment approval to the Project.

A provision of Rs. 9.00 crores has been made for the Project in the Demands for Grants of the Ministry for the year 2001-2002.

Recommendations of Expert Group Headed By Shri M.S. Ahluwalia

410. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have by now received the recommendations of the high level expert group headed by the former Planning Commission member Shri M.S. Ahluwalia to suggest measures for settlement of outstanding dues of State Electricity Boards to Central utilities like NTPC, Railways, etc. and future strategy for their capital restructuring;

(b) if so, details of main recommedations;

(c) the reaction of Union Government thereto;